GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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ARTIFICIAL JOINTS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of artificial joints are imported from abroad, though Government admit that the same are manufactured in the country as per international standards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the quality of artificial joints as to reduce the expenditure on their imports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) 5756 artificial joints were imported during 2001-02 as per the report of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, `Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India` (Annual Number for 2001-02). Aids and appliances for persons with disabilities including joints are being manufactured by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), a Corporation under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The Corporation is manufacturing 1,25,000 joints every year in house from stainless steel materials that are of international quality. However, some import of joints takes place as per requirement of individuals.